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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER

SUBJECT: Your Second Meeting with Mr. Duc, Thursday, November 30, 1972 at 11:30 a.m.

The purpose of this brief meeting is for you to reaffirm your determination to proceed on the course that you outlined to Mr. Duc yesterday. You will also want to make clear that the wording changes in the Agreement you referred to in your first meeting with Mr. Duc are within the very narrow context of the few selective modifications we might be able to obtain next week in Paris.

Talking Points

-- You have carefully considered President Thieu's letter and the discussions that you had with Mr. Duc yesterday, as well as the considerations raised in Mr. Duc's meetings with Dr. Kissinger.

-- After a thorough review of all the factors of the present situation, you wish to reemphasize in the strongest terms that you are determined to proceed on the course that you outlined yesterday.

-- Your reference to language changes in yesterday's meeting referred to those strictly in the context of Option 2 described by Dr. Kissinger in Paris, as further modified by talks between Dr. Kissinger and Mr. Duc yesterday and this morning.

-- It is absolutely essential that we now close ranks, establish priorities within the above context for the final round of negotiations beginning December 4 in Paris, and maintain public and private unity.

-- You wish to convey your personal regards to President Thieu, and thank him for his letter and sending his personal emissary. Mr. Duc has been a most articulate and straightforward spokesman for his government. You hope that he will stress to his President that the essential ingredient for success now is mutual trust and confidence between the leaders of our two countries.

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